

# TEUTON TRAP IS FAST GRIPPING THE RUMANIANS

## Defence Is Crumbling Under Swift Blows of Von Falkenhayn.

## BUCHAREST SILENT ON MILITARY CRISIS

### Berlin Says Invasion Is Progressing Near Orsova and in Jiu Valley.

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**Joffre's Right Hand Man in  
Full Charge of King Fer-  
dinand's Armies.**

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Rumanian resistance in the whole of western Wallachia is crumbling. The worst that was feared for the army at Orsova seems about to be realized, while the army in the Jiu Valley appears

to be inextricably involved in the meshes of Von Falkenhayn's swiftly spun web. The army in the Alt Valley is falling back.

"Near Orsova we are progressing,"

is the laconic bulletin issued to-night by the German War Office. It is believed this means disaster for the Rumanian army across the western border in Hungary, at the Iron Gates of the Danube.

"In the Jiu valley the Rumanian troops, under pressure from the enemy, are retiring toward Craiova," says a Russian official statement received here to-day. The Germans announced yesterday the capture of Craiova in

"On the Red Tower pass road and in the valleys leading into the Alt River Valley ground was gained in engagements," adds the German statement. The Austrian statement says: "On both

The Rumanian War Office issued no official statement to-day. The last war office statement was issued three days ago. The German War Office, on the other hand, has added a nightly bulletin to its regular daily reports.

All eyes are turned to Gen. Berthelot, the French strategist who took charge of the defence of Rumania a little over a month ago. He planned with Gen. Joffre the retreat from Mons, which

looked a the time almost as disastrous as does that of the Rumanians now, but ended gloriously at the Marne. The question on every lip is, Can he do it in Rumania?

Falkenhayn, the Rumanian peasant soldiers, with only three months' experience in war, until very recently but ill-equipped with artillery, ammunition and many other requisites of modern warfare, seem hopelessly outclassed. Unable because of poor aviation service to

From to-day's official and unofficial news it appears that, using Craiova as a base, Von Falkenhayn already has rushed troops west on the railroad seventy-five miles toward Vergitorova.

The rear of the Rumanian army at Orsova. Cooperating with this army, the Austro-Hungarian army that has long faced the Rumanians at Orsova is ready to strike.

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troops, is believed to be badly disorganized. So rapid and so heavy were the blows struck against this force that it is hardly believed that a strong resistance can be offered. Even were the army compact and its morale unimpaired, the Teutons hold such advantageous positions that an effective re-

**Craiova Taken in Dash.**

Craiova was taken by a sudden converging attack, delivered with great fury on troops already beaten. It appears from Berlin accounts. As infantry

which had been advancing down the Jin Valley entered from the north, the cavalry of the Empress's own cuirassiers, which dashed down the Motre Valley and cut the railroad, entered from the west.

no announcements of prisoners taken in the battle. This is taken to indicate that the Rumanian armies have thus far escaped intact and have lost no guns or ammunition. Further advices are awaited with anxiety, intensified by the silence of the Rumanian War Office.

On the Rothenthurm Pass road and in the valleys leading into the Alster Valley, ground was gained in

river valley ground was gained in engagements. Speedily breaking the resistance of the defeated enemy by a bayonet attack and a thrust, West Prussian and East Prussian infantry entered Craiova from the north and squadrons of Her Majesty's Cuirassier Regiment from the west as the first

**Bombardments on Danube.**  
Front of Field Marshal von Mackensen (Dobrudja)—Near the coast there was an outpost engagement. On the Danube there were local artillery

low: Craiova was taken after a short